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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, replace the paragraph extending from lines 21-26 with the following paragraph:

Document EP 0 629 398 (Tanabe Seiyaku Co. Ltd.) refers to pharmaceutical preparations able to provide a controlled release of the active ingredient in the desired zone of the intestinal tract (duodenum, small intestine, colon, rectum), and anyway at a pH ≥ 5 , through a proper choice of the coating, and checking, furthermore, the dissolution speed of the drug itself. Among the many coatings indicated as useful, Eudragit L, poly(methacrylic acid-co-methyl methacrylate), 1:1, 135,000 MW, available from Rohm Pharma polymers) and Eudragit S poly(methacrylic acid-co-methylmethacrylate), 1:2, 135,000 MW, available from Rohm Pharma Polymers are mentioned.